इस दौर में सरकार के मुख्य उद्देश्य ये हैं: भारत द्वारा निर्यात किए जाने वाली वस्तुओं और सेवाओं के संबंध में अधिक बाजार प्रवेश सुनिश्चित करना; बहुपक्षीय प्रणाली के संरक्षण और उसे सुदृढ़ बनाने को ध्यान में रखते हुए गाट नियमों में सुधार लाना, और इन नियमों में विकासशील देशों की विशेष स्थिति को स्वीकार करना।

सरकार ने श्री डंकल द्वारा किए गए प्रस्तावों पर अपने दृष्टिकोण को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया है।

Indian Companies win bid for management of Sri Lankan owned tea plantations

2887. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian companies won bid for the management of Sri Lankan Government owned tea plantations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the name of such companies which had participated in the bid and secured it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loss of market by Indian Pharmaceutical Companies in Russia

2888. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian pharmaceutical companies are losing market in Russia;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what plans Government have taken to re-capture the losing market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) India's exports of pharmaceutical products to the erstwhile USSR had been steadily increasing in the last three years. The Indo-Russian Trade Protocol for the year 1992 provides for export of medicines to the tune of 100 million US dollars. Besides the Protocol permits transactions by way of counter-trade, barter, payments in freely convertible currency or any other internationally recognised form of business cooperation.

National Institute of Jewellery Design at Jaipur in Rajasthan

2889. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the setting up of a National Institute of Jewellery Design at Jaipur in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Government representative visited Jaipur for this purpose that State Government has agreed to provide a piece of land of 12 acres and all the necessary infrastructure and estimated share of one crore rupees per annum;

(c) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) if no decision has so far been taken what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Gem & Jewellery Trade is currently considering the establishment of a National Institute of Jewellery Design and Development, at a suitable location.

(b) Some years ago, the Government of Rajasthan had agreed to provide land free of cost plus all necessary infrastructural facilities and a contribution of Rs. 50 lakhs towards operational expenditure at the rate of Rs. 10 lakhs per year for five years.

(c) and (d) A decision on this is to be taken by the Trade.

Import of Shrimp Feed

2890. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of imports of shrimp feed during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a joint sector company for the manufacture of shrimp feed has been set up in Kerala;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof